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**DRAFT REPORT OF THE WORKING GROUP
ON THE USE OF NUCLEAR POWER SOURCES IN OUTER SPACE
ON THE WORK OF ITS FOURTEENTH SESSION**

1. The Working Group on the Use of Nuclear Power Sources in Outer Space held its fourteenth session at Vienna from 25 to_____ February 1997 under the chairmanship of D. Rex (Germany), during the thirty-fourth session of the Scientific and Technical Subcommittee.

2. The Working Group was reconvened at the request of the United Kingdom, supported by the United States of America, following a suggestion in the working paper on nuclear power source safety principles, submitted by the United Kingdom (A/AC.105/C.1/L.210).

3. The Working Group held two meetings. It adopted the present report at its meeting held on _____ February 1997.

4. It was agreed that technical experts, including experts from the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), should be invited to the fifteenth session of the Working Group, in 1998, in order to identify and study the current international technical standards pertinent to the use of nuclear power sources in outer space. The topics A to G identified in the working paper submitted by the United Kingdom might be used as a basis for technical discussions in the Working Group. It was also agreed that States should be invited to include appropriate technical experts in their delegations to the session in 1998 in order to ensure an informed discussion on the safety issues raised. The view was expressed that to expedite that process a work plan could be adopted in order to initiate discussions on the subject.

5. The Working Group recommended that it be reconvened for an appropriate period in 1998 to continue its work.

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